



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Mr. Jarrell Pipkin
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Dear Mr. Pipkin:

HB2292 requires Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to establish a Special Investigative Unit (SIU) and to adopt a plan to prevent and reduce fraud and abuse in Managed Care. The fraud and abuse plan is required to be submitted to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC, the Commission), Office of Inspector General (OIG) annually for approval and must meet the rules requirements established by the Commission.

The OIG has reviewed your re-submitted plan to prevent and reduce fraud and abuse in Managed Care. Based on this review, we are pleased to inform you of our conclusion that your revised plan meets the requirements set forth in 1 TAC §§ 353.501 through 353.503 (Medicaid), and in 1 TAC §§ 370.501 through 370.503 (CHIP), as applicable. Please note that our review was limited to the question of whether these administrative rule requirements are met, and the OIG cannot comment on or endorse any other aspect of your plan.

It is the expectation of HHSC and the OIG that ValueOptions makes every effort to prevent fraud, abuse, or waste in the delivery of services in the Medicaid and/or CHIP programs. We look forward to a positive relationship with your organization in this effort. HHSC-OIG will also make every effort to assist ValueOptions and its staff in the execution of its responsibilities in the area of fraud and abuse. For questions regarding your fraud and abuse plan, you may contact me at 512-491-2054 or by email to kirstie.reck@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Kirstie Reck

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